

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

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Following on Board support of my motion for use of County beach maintenance equipment to assist in the Gulf Coast cleanup efforts, I think it would be prudent for the County to ensure we are also ready in advance for any future oil spills in our region. Particularly as there are several oil refineries located in my Supervisorial District and there is the potential for serious negative impacts along not only our world renowned Southern California coastline, but also in our Marina del Rey harbor, I believe the County should do its utmost to assure its preparedness for any future oil spill event. Although the County has a 2004 Emergency Oil Spill Contingency Plan, I believe we should now use the lessons learned during the recent Gulf Coast crisis, as well as include the latest response methods and techniques, in development of an updated plan.

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The Fire Department took the lead in developing the 2004 plan, which I believe would be the appropriate lead agency again to work in concert with the Sheriff's Department and the Departments of Beaches and Harbors and Public Works, as well as the United States Coast Guard, coastal cities and the various oil companies in the region, to review and update our existing plan to ensure our preparedness for any future oil spill.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT the Board of Supervisors instruct the Los Angeles County Fire Department to take the lead in reviewing and developing a comprehensive and coordinated update to the County's 2004 Emergency Oil Spill Contingency Plan, involving the Sheriff's Department and Departments of Beaches and Harbors and Public Works, as well as the Coast Guard, local coastal cities and oil companies, as appropriate.

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